

Civil Engineering

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

This instruction implements AFD 32-30, Explosive Ordnance Disposal. It provides policy and procedures for the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) program. This instruction also implements AFI 32-3001, AFR 136-8, and AFI 10-212. It applies to the Air National Guard (ANG) only upon mobilization and when published in the ANGIND 2 and Air Force Reserve (USAFR) flights only if activated as an organic component of AFSOC.

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1. General. This instruction establishes support responsibilities for the unique AFSOC EOD missions, exercises, equipment and training qualifications. This instruction applies at all AFSOC operational locations supported by the AFSOC EOD flight.

2. Mission. The 16 CES/EOD flight functions as AFSOC's "command wide" EOD resource and supports all United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) requests/taskings. EOD will provide worldwide services to deployed Special Operations Forces (SOF) in clearing areas of unexploded ordnance, booby-traps, counter-terrorism, munition intelligence gathering missions in conjunction with SOF, and the safing of any explosive hazards to allow special operations to continue unhindered.

2.1. EOD will deploy in support of USSOCOM and other directed AFSOC air component mission taskings, commitments, and exercises. AFSOC is the only command that maintains gun rods and the 25mm safing tool in their UTCs.

2.2. Support of all other AFSOC aircraft/rotary weapon systems and taskings will be based on mission requirements. Example: Aircraft battle damage, recovery/destruction of weapons platform, safing of armament systems, assisting investigation board, etc.

2.3. Due to the unique deployment locations, the 16 CES/EOD personnel are usually the only EOD team in the region and assume all peacetime/wartime EOD taskings in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) under the Joint Special Operations Air Component (JSOAC) or Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) commander. Requirements are based on joint service agreements and the fact that AFSOC EOD is routinely the only available resource for exercises

and emergencies within the AOR. Assistance to other services will be in accordance with AFR 136-8.

3. Training/Qualifications. EOD personnel must train and maintain qualifications in all AFSOC Mission Design Series (MDS), Helicopter Rope Suspension Techniques (HRST), to include fastrope, rappelling, special purpose insertion and extraction, rescue, equipment belays, and engine running on/off load. Additional training and qualification in Water Survival, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), modified UTC equipment load, long range communication and all other AFSOC unique requirements will be completed by personnel and documented on their AF Form 623 (Training Records). Supplementary training requirements will be dictated by support agreements. ANG and USAFR EOD persons activated as an organic component of AFSOC will be trained by AFSOC on MAJCOM unique requirements as dictated by the mission.

4. Equipment. Additional equipment to support mission requirements will be added as a supplement to the USAF EOD ESL and approved by HQ AFSOC/CEXE.

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